

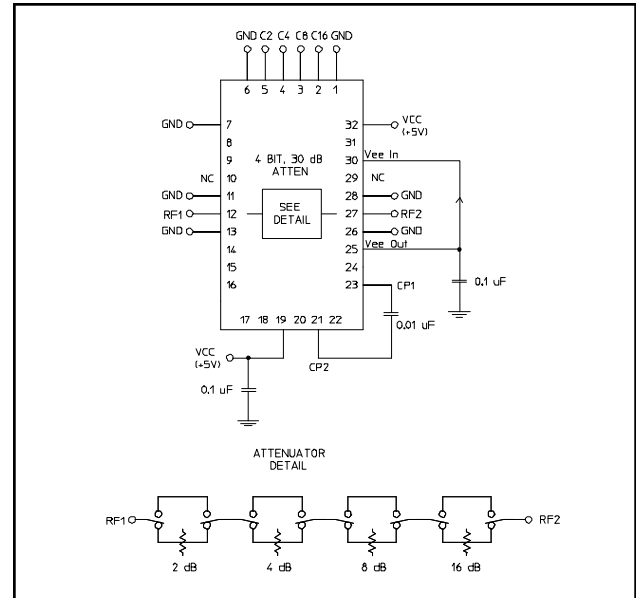
## Features

- Attenuation: 2 dB Steps to 30 dB
- Single Positive Supply
- Contains Internal DC to DC Converter
- Integral TTL Driver
- 50 Ohm Impedance
- Test Boards Available
- Tape and Reel Packaging Available
- CSP-1 Package

## Description

M/A-COM's AT90-1233 is a GaAs FET 4-Bit digital attenuator with integral driver. Step size is 2 dB providing a 30 dB attenuation range. This device is in an FQFP-N plastic surface mount package. The AT90-1233 is suited for single supply applications where accuracy, fast speed, low power consumption and low costs are required. For dual supply designs without switching noise, use AT90-0233.

## Functional Schematic



## Pin Configuration<sup>3</sup>

Pin No.	Function	Pin No.	Function
1	GND	17	NC
2	C16	18	NC
3	C8	19	Vcc
4	C4	20	NC
5	C2	21	Cp
6	GND	22	NC
7	GND	23	Cp
8	NC	24	NC
9	NC	25	VEE <sup>2</sup>
10	NC <sup>1</sup>	26	GND
11	GND	27	RF2
12	RF1	28	GND
13	GND	29	NC <sup>1</sup>
14	NC	30	VEE <sup>2</sup>
15	NC	31	NC
16	NC	32	Vcc

1. Pins 10 and 29 must be isolated.
2. VEE is produced internally and requires a .1  $\mu$ F cap to GND. Generated noise is typical of switching DC-DC Converters.
3. The exposed pad centered on the package bottom must be connected to RF and DC ground. (For PQFN Packages)

## Ordering Information

Part Number	Package
AT90-1233	Bulk Packaging
AT90-1233TR	1000 piece reel
AT90-1233-TB	Sample Test Board

Note: Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

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**Electrical Specifications:  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $Z_0 = 50\Omega$**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Frequency	Units	Min	Typ	Max
Insertion Loss	—	DC - 2.5 GHz	dB	—	2.7	3.0
Attenuation Accuracy	Individual Bits or Combination of Bits	DC - 2.5 GHz	dB	—	—	$\pm(.3 + 5\%$ of atten setting)
VSWR	Full Range	DC - 2.5 GHz	Ratio	—	1.5:1	1.8:1
Switching Speed	50% Cntl to 90%/10% RF 10% to 90% or 90% to 10%	— —	nS nS	— —	75 20	150 50
1 dB Compression	— —	50 MHz 0.5 - 2.5 GHz	dBm dBm	— —	+21 +29	— —
Input IP <sub>3</sub>	Two-tone inputs up to +5 dBm	50 MHz 0.5 - 2.5 GHz	dB dB	— —	+35 +48	— —
V <sub>CC</sub>	—	—	V	4.75	5.0	5.25
V <sub>IL</sub> V <sub>IH</sub>	LOW-level input voltage HIGH-level input voltage	— —	V V	0.0 2.0	— —	0.8 5.0
I <sub>in</sub> (Input Leakage Current)	V <sub>in</sub> = V <sub>CC</sub> or GND	—	uA	-1.0	—	1.0
I <sub>CC</sub> <sup>4</sup>	V <sub>CC</sub> min to max, Logic "0" or "1"	—	mA	—	6	10
Turn-on Current <sup>5</sup>	For guaranteed start-up	—	mA	—	—	125
$\Delta I_{CC}$ (Additional Supply Current Per TTL Input Pin)	V <sub>CC</sub> = Max, V <sub>cntrl</sub> = V <sub>CC</sub> - 2.1 V	—	mA	—	—	1.0
Switching Noise	Generated from DC-DC Converter with recommended capacitors	3.5 MHz	dBm	—	-93	—
Thermal Resistance $\theta_{jc}$	—	—	°C/W	—	15	—

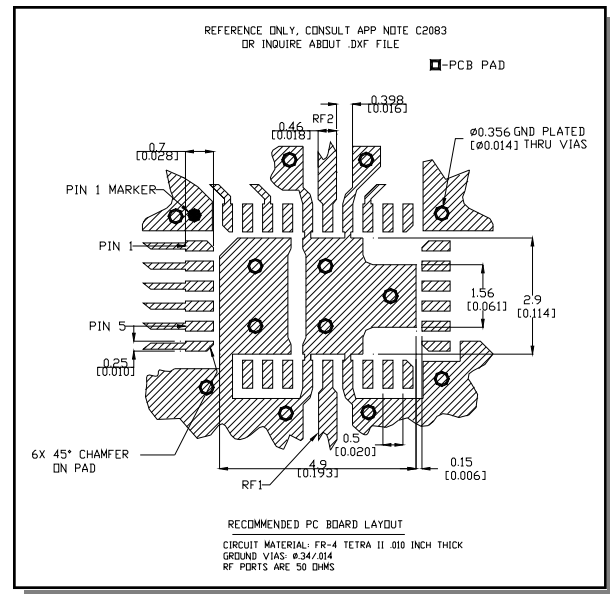
- During turn-on, the device requires an initial start up current (I<sub>CC</sub>) specified as "Turn-on Current". Once operational, I<sub>CC</sub> will drop to the specified levels.
- The DC-DC converter is guaranteed to start in 100  $\mu\text{s}$  as long as the power supplies have the maximum turn-on current available for start-up.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>6,7</sup>**

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Max. Input Power 0.05 GHz 0.5 - 2.5 GHz	+27 dBm +34 dBm
V <sub>CC</sub>	-0.5V $\leq$ V <sub>CC</sub> $\leq$ +6.0V
V <sub>in</sub> <sup>8</sup>	-0.5V $\leq$ V <sub>in</sub> $\leq$ V <sub>CC</sub> + 0.5V
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +125°C

- Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- Standard CMOS TTL interface, latch-up will occur if logic signal is applied prior to power supply.

**Recommended PCB Configuration<sup>9</sup>**



9. Application Note C2083 is available on line at [www.macom.com](http://www.macom.com)

## Handling Procedures

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

## Static Sensitivity

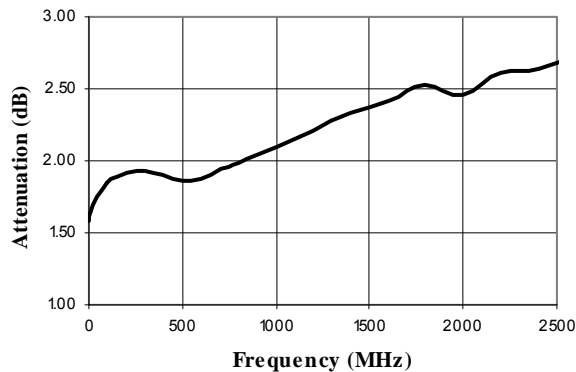
Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

## Moisture Sensitivity

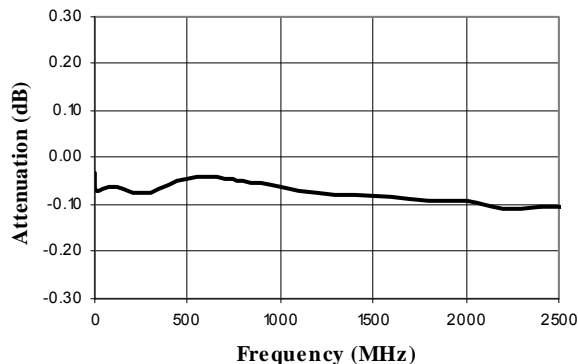
The MSL rating for this part is defined as Level 2 per IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020. Parts shall be stored and/or baked as required for MSL Level 2 parts.

## Typical Performance Curves

### Insertion Loss



### Attenuation Error, 2 dB Bit

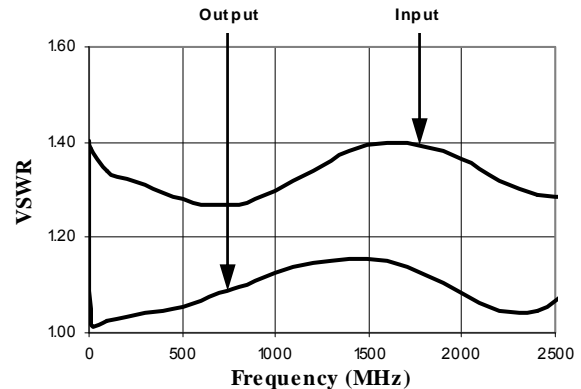


## Truth Table (Digital Attenuator)

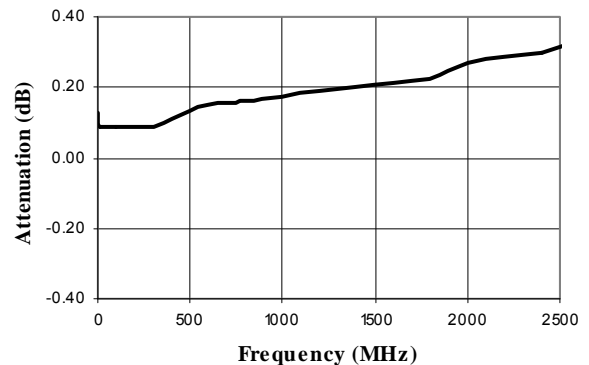
C16	C6	C4	C2	Attenuation
0	0	0	0	Loss, Reference
0	0	0	1	2.0 dB
0	0	1	0	4.0 dB
0	1	0	0	8.0 dB
1	0	0	0	16.0 dB
1	1	1	1	30.0 dB

0 = TTL Low; 1 = TTL High

### VSWR @ Insertion Loss

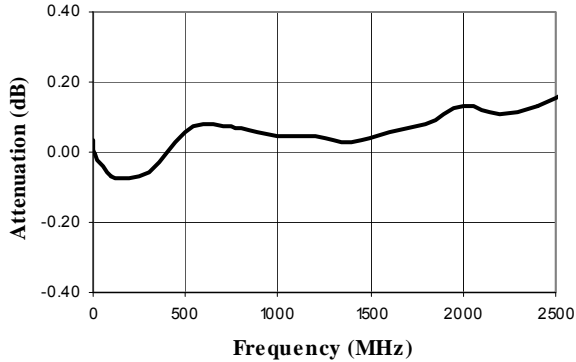


### Attenuation Error, 4 dB Bit

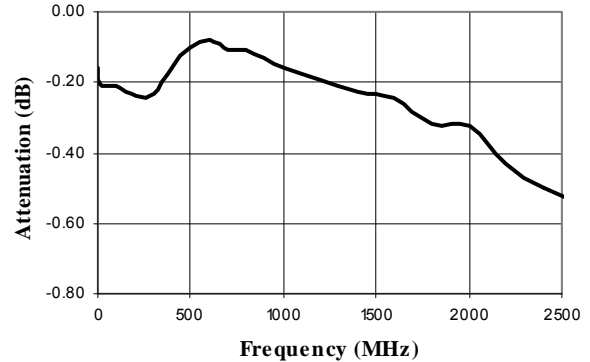


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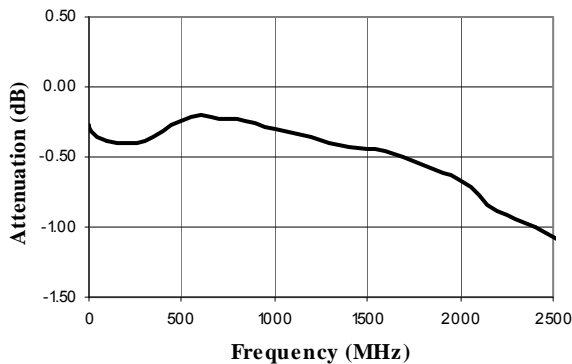
Attenuation Error, 8 dB Bit



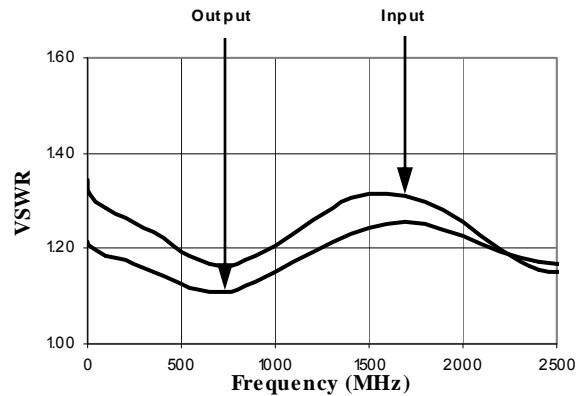
Attenuation Error, 16 dB Bit



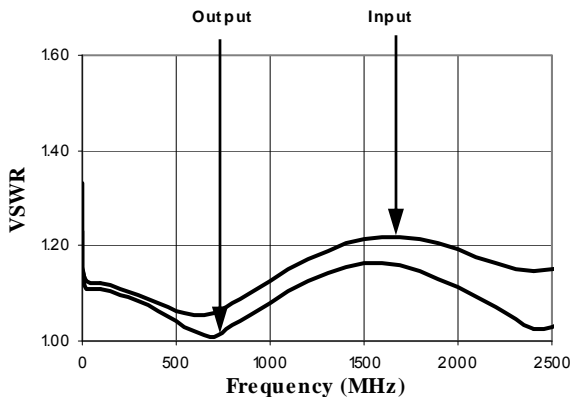
Attenuation Error, Max. Attenuation



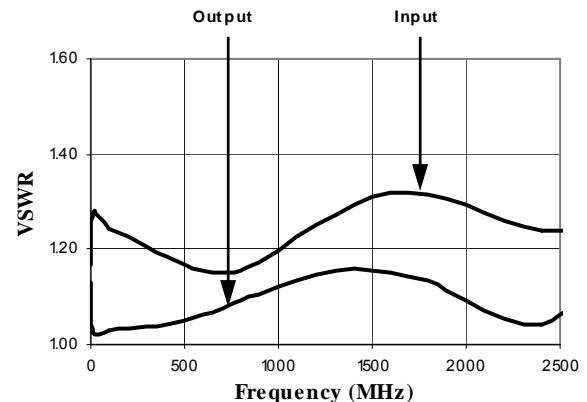
VSWR, 2 dB Bit



VSWR, 4 dB Bit

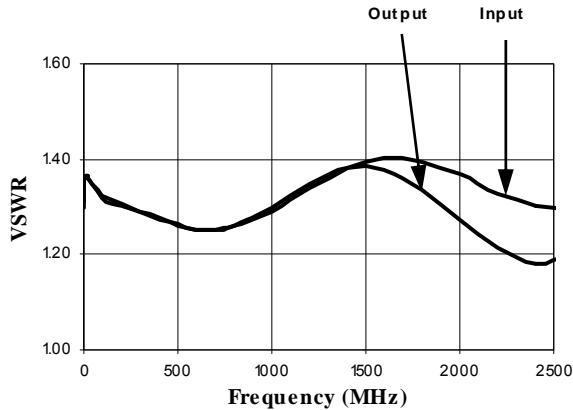


VSWR, 8 dB Bit

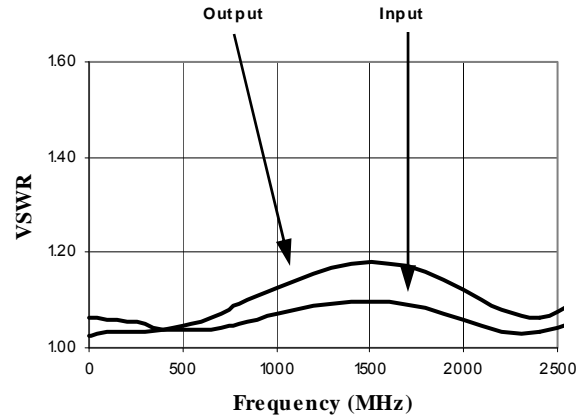


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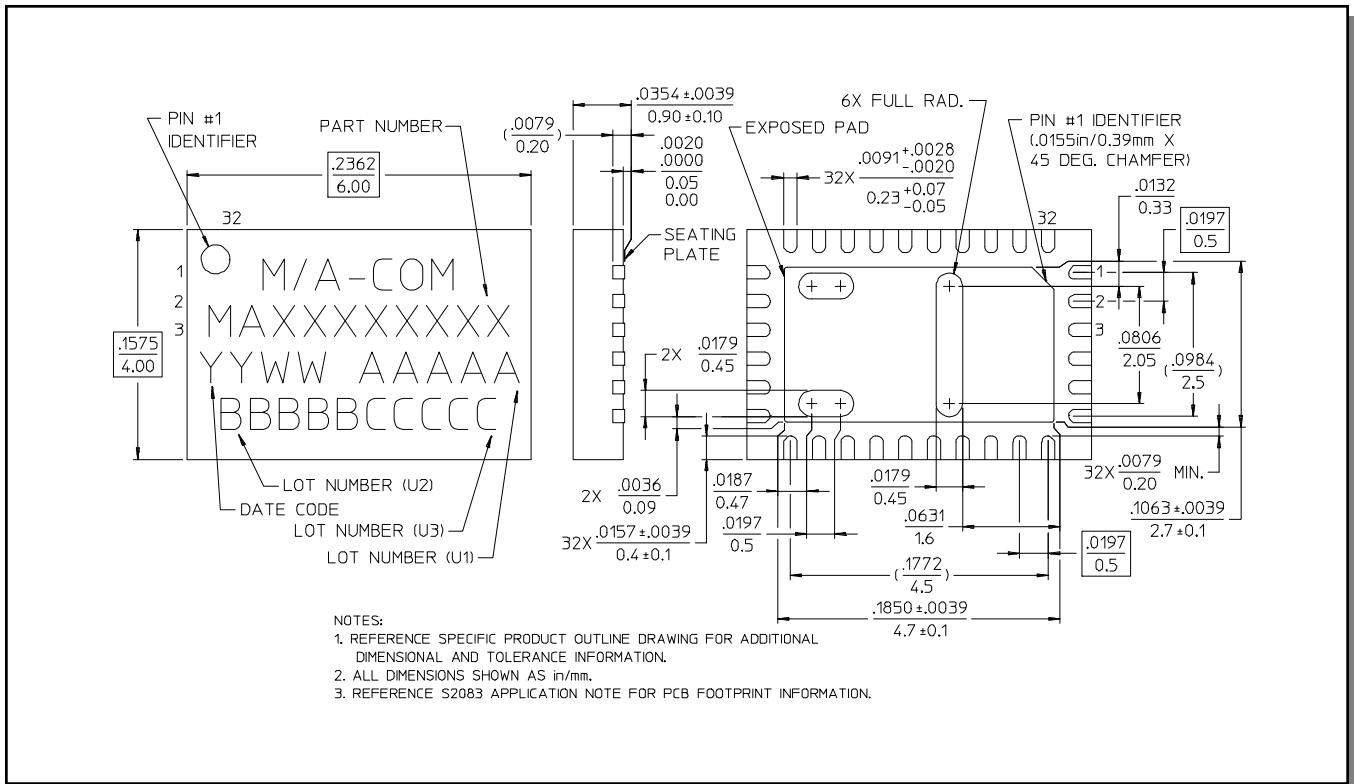
VSWR, 16 dB Bit



VSWR, Maximum Attenuation



## CSP-1, 4 x 6 mm, 32-lead PQFN†



† Reference Application Note M538 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.